



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Negotiate and Purchase Five Type 2 Medium Bus (Dial-A-Ride) Transit Vehicles Off of the State Contract, Authorizing Conversion of the Five Vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Appropriating Funds (\$450,000)

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and purchase five Type 2 medium bus transit vehicles off of the State contract, authorizing conversion of the five vehicles to compressed natural gas (CNG), and appropriating funds as shown below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Lodi currently operates numerous CNG vehicles and a fueling station. The City's Transit Division currently operates a fleet of 28 transit vehicles. The City received grant funding to purchase five CNG transit vehicles in 2006/07. The five vehicles proposed are standard Dial-A-Ride style transit vehicles.

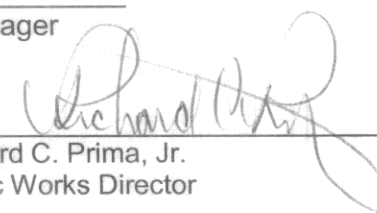
Staff is recommending that the five new vehicles be procured off of the State contract due to the limited availability of CNG vehicles and the ease of procurement it provides. Those five vehicles will then be converted to CNG prior to the City taking possession to comply with the grant funding requirements. The vehicles will be identical to the eight vehicles currently on order to allow for simplicity of repairs and stocking of parts. The City has received a Measure K award for five vehicles in 2006/07 from the San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG). While it was anticipated that the grants would cover the entire cost, due to the limited availability of small CNG vehicles and the need to convert the vehicles to CNG, Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds need to be utilized to fund the remainder of the purchase price. Grant funding will be utilized first with TDA funds used to cover any remaining balance, not to exceed \$5,000 per vehicle.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of five vehicles has been included in the budget for the Transit system. Failure to award the agreement could result in loss of the grant funding and the delayed purchase of new vehicles, which would result in higher maintenance costs.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The bus purchases will be utilizing:

Transportation Development Act funds	\$ 25,000
Measure K transit capital funds	\$ 425,000


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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE FIVE TYPE 2 MEDIUM BUS TRANSIT VEHICLES
THROUGH THE STATE CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING CONVERSION OF THE VEHICLES
TO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, AND FURTHER APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code Section 3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi currently operates numerous compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles and a fueling station, and the City Transit Division currently operates a fleet of 28 transit vehicles (pending delivery of eight CNG vehicles in January or February 2007), of which 20 operate on CNG; and

WHEREAS, the City received grant funding to purchase five CNG transit vehicles in 2006-07, and the proposed vehicles are standard Dial-A-Ride style transit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends purchasing five new vehicles to be procured through the State of California contract due to the limited availability of CNG vehicles and the ease of procurement provided by the State contract; and

WHEREAS, the five new vehicles will be converted to CNG prior to the City taking possession in order to comply with the grant funding requirements, which is included in the purchase price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to negotiate and purchase five Type 2 medium bus (Dial-A-Ride) transit vehicles through the State of California contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the conversion of the five vehicles to CNG in order to comply with the grant funding requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be appropriated as follows:

Transportation Development Act/Fares	\$ 25,000
Measure K Transit Capital Funds	\$ 425,000

Dated: January 17, 2007

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-08 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held January 17, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Katzakian, and Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen and Mounce

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


RANDI JOHL
City Clerk